

### **Where Will the Children Go?**

**LEBANON** -- Currently, there are approximately 122 children in foster care from Wilson County. The highest number of children is coming from Lebanon. A majority of the children are sibling groups and teens who need families to care for them while they are in the foster care system.

However, there are 22 resource homes that can provide temporary care for the children, and most of the already have their maximum number of children placed with them.

The result? More than 64 percent of the children are placed away from their community and into unfamiliar counties.

The Wilson County Department of Children's Services will be hosting a monthly information meeting about becoming a resource parent to help children in foster care. This meeting is held every second Monday of the month beginning at 5:30 pm.

This is an opportunity for community members to ask questions about how to help children in foster care.

Also, for those who are ready to attend the pre-service training to be approved as a resource parent (a foster or adoptive parent), there is a PATH training being offered starting October 3. This meeting will be held at the Department of Children's Services office located at 217 East High Street in Lebanon.

Information: (615) 443-2750.

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